# **Reading Area Water Authority**

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Reading Area Water Authority Stated Meeting September 30, 2010

The Stated Meeting of the Reading Area Water Authority was held on September 30, 2010 in the RAWA Administration Office located at 815 Washington Street, Reading PA 19601 Room 1-21.

Present were: Board Members: Mr. Raymond Schuenemann III., Dr. Thomas Brogan, Mr. Joseph Kuzminski, and Ms. Donna Glaze. Mr. Mr. Dean Miller, Contract Executive Director, RAWA. Mr. Michael Setley, Solicitor. Ms. Susan Days, Chief Administrative Officer, RAWA. Mr. Thomas Weld, BCM Engineers. Mr. Kerry Heckman, Contracted Government Accountant. Absent was Mr. John Ulrich

A motion was made by Dr. Thomas Brogan seconded by Mr. Joseph Kuzminski to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2010 Meeting as presented. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

## Financial Report:

Invoices for September 2010: \$ 34,310.30
Capital Invoices for September 2010 \$ 276,182.60

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Kuzminski seconded Dr. Thomas Brogan by to authorize the payment of the outstanding invoices as presented. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Dr. Thomas Brogan seconded by Mr. Joseph Kuzminski to authorize the payment of the Capital Invoices as presented. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Engineers Report:**

- Close out Contract 40A for the Dehumidification Building. Close out was \$600.00 less than bid price.
- RAWA received all necessary permits for the Robeson Township Route 724 main extension project.

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Kuzminski and seconded by Dr. Thomas Brogan to approve close out documents of Contract 40 A for the Dehumidification Building at a reduction cost of \$600.00 less than the original cost. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Executive Directors Report:

- Draught warning under effect in Berks County. It is being requested that customers reduce their water usage
- Bills for September 2010 were delayed in being sent to the customers of the RAWA. Penalties will not be assessed for this month due to the hardware issue that caused the delay in the City of Reading billing system.
- Received information to pursue a cost for a financial plan for the RAWA.

### **Solicitor Report:**

- Information received in packages referencing a letter received by Mr. Harry Stouffer.
- Prepared and submitted a letter to the City of Reading Administration alerting the City that the RAWA has been overcharged and RAWA requests that this error not be continued in the future and RAWA's desire to meet with representatives of the City to discuss the reconciliation of the payment.

There was a hand out given to each Board Member by Chairman of the Board addressing the amount of money that the City of Reading is seeking from the RAWA in addition to what the RAWA is currently paying to the City of Reading per the lease agreement that is currently in place. There was discussion regarding the increase amount that would affect the consumers. Mr. Schuenemann III, reminded the board that the amount that the City of Reading is the incorrect amount that was outlined in the letter from the Solicitor of the RAWA.

A motion was made by Dr. Thomas Brogan and seconded by Mr. Joseph Kuzminski to go into an Executive Session. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Dr. Thomas Brogan and seconded by Mr. Joseph Kuzminski to go back into Regular Order of Business. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of the Act 47 Plan and the recommendations of the Plan as well as the request for additional from the RAWA for the Budgeted year 2011-2014.

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Kuzminski and seconded by Ms. Donna Glaze to authorize the Authority Chairman Mr. Raymond Schuenemann III, Esq. to negotiate with representatives of the City of Reading Administration and City of Reading City Council for the remaining amount requested for the year 2010 and the Budget for 2011 up to the full amount requested by the City of Reading, provided that the outlined objective items listed in the Act 47 Pan under "Authority" are resolved. Mr. Schuenemann is empowered to bind RAWA to either pay the amount in a single payment or in staged payments upon resolution of the other issues set forth in the Act 47 Plan, and provided that the City of Reading shall not sell property or Operations of the Reading Area Water Authority and/or the Water System to an entity outside of the City of Reading. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Michael Setley stated that the above motion was made based on the concern that the RAWA is in constant discussions with the City of reading Administration and City Council however no person(s) have been appointed by any entity to make a decision on the outcome. Mr. Setley added that RAWA is making that step to authorize a board Member to be that person for the RAWA and asks that the Administration and City Council do same to finalize all issues still unresolved.

A motion was made by Dr. Thomas Brogan seconded by Mr. Joseph Kuzminski adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned.

The Reading Area Water Authority Workshop Meeting will convene on Tuesday, October 12, 2010 at 4:00 PM in the Penn Room.